

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice, and amend claims 2-4 and 6-7 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to ~~claim 1~~, claim 5, wherein said threshold pattern extends substantially in parallel with at least one side of said annular seal.

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to ~~claim 1~~, claim 5, wherein said threshold pattern annularly extends substantially in parallel with said annular seal with a gap from said annular seal.

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to ~~claim 1~~, claim 5, wherein said threshold pattern extends substantially in parallel with at least one side of said annular seal with a gap from at least one side of said annular seal, and a closed space is formed between said threshold pattern and at least the one side of said annular seal except for said opening.

5. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising a pair of substrates, a liquid crystal inserted in an annular seal between said pair of substrates, and a threshold pattern provided in a frame portion between said annular seal and a pixel display area, said threshold pattern having an opening connecting said pixel display area with an area between said annular seal and said threshold pattern,

wherein an alignment film is arranged on a first portion near said opening in the area between said annular seal and said threshold pattern, and no alignment film is arranged on a second portion farther than the first portion from said opening.

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to ~~claim 1,~~claim 5, wherein the liquid crystal is dripped on one substrate, and the annular seal has no injection hole.

7. (Currently Amended) The liquid crystal display device according to ~~claim 1,~~claim 5, wherein the area between said annual seal and said threshold pattern includes:

a portion where the liquid crystal exists in a sufficient amount; and

a portion where the amount of the liquid crystal is small and vacuum bubbles are contained.

8. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein:

the opening is provided below the pixel display area;

the portion where the liquid crystal exists in the sufficient amount is at a part near the opening; and

the portion where the amount of the liquid crystal is small and vacuum bubbles are contained is at a part far from the opening compared with the part where the portion where the liquid crystal exists in the sufficient amount is located.